HAY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health.

1943.

Mr.Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year 1943.This report is prepared on the lines indicated in Circular 10/44 and is again therefore very restricted. The opportunity is taken,however,of dealing briefly with subjects in which the public have shown special interest during the year.

Infectious Disease.

The following number of cases of infectious disease were notified to me during the year.

Encephalitis Lethargica...1 case.
Scarlet Fever.....10 cases.
Erysipelas.....1 case.
Measles.....5 cases.

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This list refers to civilian cases only.As will be seen the district remained free from any severe outbreak of infectious disease.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the year monthly clinics were held for the purpose of immunising children against diphtheria. The response has been satisfactory and at the end of the year the position as regards North Breconshire is shown by the following;

Number of children in the district between 1 and 5 years who have been immunised.....1082....81.6 %.
Number of children in the district between 5 and 15 years who have been immunised.....3462....87.6 %.

Tuberculosis.

The following shows the position with regard to tuberculosis in the district.

Number of cases on the register at the commencement of year...11.
Number of fresh cases notified during the year.....6.
Number of cases who have left the district.....2.
Number of deaths from tuberculosis.....0.
Number of cases left on register at the end of the year.....15.
Number of notifications in recent years.....1939...6.
1940...7.
1941...6.
1942...5.
1943...6.

Venereal Disease.

The Breconshire County Council has an agreement with the Swansea General and Eye Hospital for the treatment of these cases.

Water Supplies.

At the request of the Welsh Board of Health some information is now given concerning the water supplies to the district.

The district is made up of eleven parishes and full details of the water supplies to each parish are available.

The following is a summary of the water supplies to the district as a whole.

1. Number of houses in district not including farmhouses...675.
2. Number of houses served by a piped supply laid on.....541.
3. Number of houses served by stand pipes.....77.
4. Number of houses served by pumps or springs.....57.
5. Number of farmhouses served by a piped supply.....80.
6. Number of farmhouses served by pumps or springs.....86.
7. Number of houses more than 100 yards from nearest available supply.....16.
8. Percentages of houses served by piped supplies.....91.5%.
9. Percentages of houses, including farmhouses, with piped supply.....83%.

The sources of the above supplies are springs and are, in the majority of cases, untreated.
There are only two supplies in the district which are treated in any way. Part of the Bronllys supply is chlorinated and stored in storage tanks while the supply to Talgarth is treated by slow sand filtration and chloramine.
The supply is constant in all districts except when it is restricted in times of severe drought.
No case of plumbo-solvency has come to my notice with regard to the above supplies.

Yours faithfully,

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